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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 AND 1.143

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2005, setting forth a requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter illustrated in Figure 2A (Species I); having the stent anchor structure illustrated in Figure 3A (Species A); and membrane lifting means, as that

term is used by the Examiner, illustrated in Figure 6A (Species 1)). Applicants respectfully assert that the Examiner meant to describe the elements shown in Figures 6A through 6D as “Membrane Limiting Means”. These elections, in whole or in part, read upon Claims 1-22, 24, 27-29, and 32-33.

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